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FCC APPROVES FOR TRANSMITTAL THE RECOMMENDED MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY BOARD FOR FIRST RESPONDER INTEROPERABILITY

Minimum Technical Requirements Approved for Transmittal in Their Entirety and Without Revision

Washington, D.C. – Today, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) approved for transmittal to FirstNet the minimum technical requirements submitted by the Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability (Interoperability Board). The report entitled "Recommended Minimum Technical Requirements to Ensure Nationwide Interoperability for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network" (Interoperability Board Report or Report) sets forth the recommended minimum technical requirements for interoperability.

The Spectrum Act, passed in February 2012, established the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) to oversee all actions necessary to ensure the building, deployment and operation of the nationwide public safety broadband network. The Act also established the Interoperability Board to develop recommended minimum technical requirements to ensure a nationwide level of interoperability for the nationwide public safety broadband network. The Commission approves for transmittal to FirstNet the Interoperability Board's final report and delegates authority to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau to transmit the report to FirstNet.

Action by the Commission June 21, 2012, by Order (FCC 12-68). Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners McDowell, Clyburn, Rosenworcel and Pai. Separate statements issued by Commissioners Rosenworcel and Pai.

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